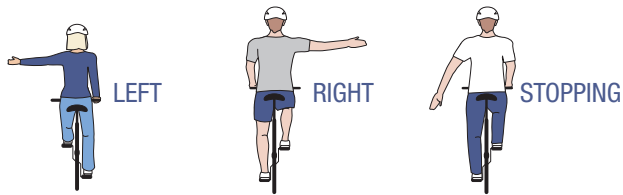
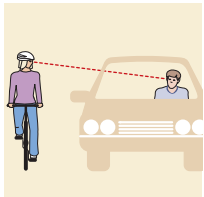


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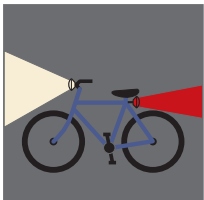
Use Hand Signals

Minnesota State Law requires that you signal all lane changes, turns and stops. Before turning, look over your shoulder for nearby motor vehicles. Signal and move/turn when it's safe.



Make Eye Contact

Looking at motorists can help them know that you're on the road.



See, Be Seen

Use lights at night or during periods of low-visibility. A white headlight and red rear reflector are required by MN State Law. A rear red light is highly recommended. Bike reflectors and bright/light-colored/reflective clothing can improve your visibility.

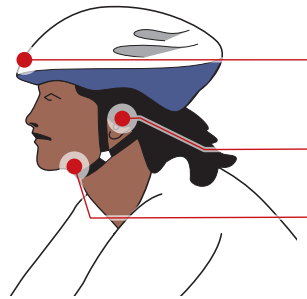


Never Use Earphones or Mobile Phones

Using earphones or a mobile phone distracts from riding your bicycle.

Equipment

Helmets protect your head in the event of a crash.



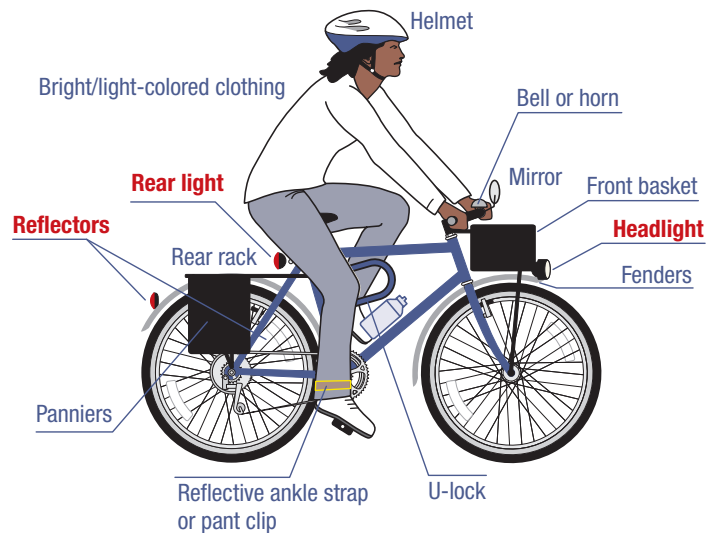
To make sure your helmet fits correctly, put it on and use the “**eyes, ears, mouth**” test:

Eyes: When you look up, you should see the front rim. If not, your helmet won't protect your forehead.

Ears: The side straps should come to a “V” just below each ear.

Mouth: When you open your mouth wide, you should feel the helmet push down on your head. If your helmet doesn't pass the test, adjust its buckles.

Consider using the other equipment illustrated below.



Parking

Most bicycle thefts are due to unlocked or improperly locked bikes. Following these tips will help prevent your bike from being stolen.

Never leave your bike unlocked, and **take easily removable parts with you**, such as detachable lights and seat posts.

Record your bicycle's serial number, take a picture of your bicycle, and keep them in a safe place.

Register your bicycle with the Minneapolis Police Department for free. Registration can help return a recovered bicycle to you. Call Minneapolis 311 (dial 311, or call 673-3000 if calling from outside of Minneapolis).

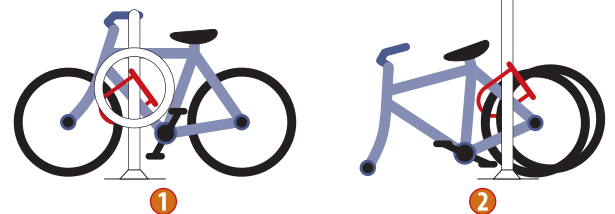
Report missing bikes to the MPD immediately by dialing **311**. If you see a theft in progress, call **911**. **Call the MPD's Property and Evidence Warehouse** (612-673-5665) to see if your lost or stolen bicycle has been recovered.

Bike lockers keep bikes secure and sheltered. They are can be rented from:

- **City of Minneapolis**, at over a dozen locations downtown
www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles/parking, 612-339-2560.
- **University of Minnesota**. www1.umn.edu/pts/bike/bikelockers.html
- **Metro Transit**. www.metrotransit.org/bike-lockers. 612-373-3333, option 5.

Always use a high-quality U-lock or chain. Low-quality locks or cables can be easily cut.

Always lock the frame and front wheel to either a rack or sign pole (see illustration ①), but not to streetlight or stoplight poles, handrails, trees or fences. For extra security, remove the front wheel and lock it with the frame and rear wheel (see illustration ②).



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